Glorification of Sati

239. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what action has so far been taken to stop glorification of Sati so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Section 5 of the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987 prohibits glorification of "Sati". The glorification of "Sati" shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year but which may extend to seven years and with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees but which may extend to thirty thousand rupees. The Act is required to be implemented by the State Government and the Union Territory Administrations concerned.

Serving of non-vegetarian food in IA flights

240. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines broke its own rules and served non-vegetarian food on its Goa-Delhi flight on the 5th January, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such violation of rules with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) With effect from 2-6-87, Indian Airlines serves only vegetarian lunches and dinners on Tuesdays. However, breakfasts and snacks are served both in vegetarian and non-vegetarian style.

Railway Projects in West Bengal

241. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress todate of (1) the Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana Projects (2) Digha-Tamluk Project and (3) Calcutta Circular Railway Project in West Bengal in physical and financial terms;

(b) whether the work in these projects is very slow; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Progress is as under:

S. No.	Project	Expenditure (in Rs. crores)	Physical progress
1	Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana	0.40	Construction work on these projects is in initial stages.
2	Tamluk-Digha	1.60	
3	Circular Railway Calcutta (Part-I)	23.09	67%